



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, September 6, 2007

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Ralph Godbee
AC Robert Dunlap
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Robbin Kirkland-Farrar
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Michael Chambers
Sgt. Ernest Wilson
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Investigator **(ABS)**
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator **(ABS)**
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Leslie Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS

Sandra Hines
Ron Scott
Rev. Diane Seifuddin

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:18 p.m.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the presence of the staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, September 6, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, August 23, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- Thursday, August 30, 2007

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

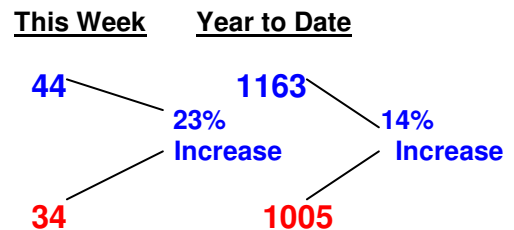
1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,099 active investigations, of which 771 of those are for 2007.

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS								Total
CCR	W/E 9/06/07	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
3	CENTRAL		1			5				6
4	COMM/OPS		2			1			1	4
5	EASTERN		3			3			1	7
1	FUGITIVE		1			1		1		3
1	GAMING				1					1
4	NARCOTICS			1		4		1		6
3	NORTHEASTERN	1	1	1						3
10	NORTHWESTERN		4	2		8	1		2	17
5	SOUTHWESTERN		1		1	5			1	8
1	TRAFFIC					1				1
4	Unknown		1		4	3				8
2	VIOLENT			2						2
1	WESTERN		1							1
44		1	15	6	6	31	1	2	5	67

Previous Month Concern

Exec Dir. Goss stated as requested by Comm. Holley, the break down of Citizen Complaint Reports (CCRs) by Districts is reflected in the above chart.

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

September 6, 2007

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of August 27, 2007 through September 2, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 35 search warrants and 68 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 44 Felony arrests
- 152 Misdemeanor arrests
- 3 Juveniles detained
- 20,235.60 grams of cocaine, 10.2 grams of heroin, 6,711.70 grams of marijuana and 3,788 pills with a total street value:
- \$ 8,177,326.80
- \$ 14,113.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 16 Handguns



Engaging the Community

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On August 28th, officers of the Central District responded to the 13000 block of E. Canfield on an "Assault & Battery." **Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence**, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) Felonious Assault, and (2) Domestic Violence.



ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

Location

Hours of Operation

Telephone

2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

- **Next meeting:**
Thursday, September 13, 2007
@ 6:30 P.M.
Sacred Heart Activity Center
3451 Rivard
Detroit, Michigan 48207

Police / Community Intervention

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

EASTERN DISTRICT



On August 28th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 12000 block of Harper on a "Person with a Weapon." As a result of their quick response and investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) Assault with Intent to Murder, (2) Felonious Assault, (3) Resisting & Obstructing Causing Injury, (4) Ethnic Intimidation, (5) Resisting & Obstructing, and (6) Habitual 2nd Degree.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On August 30th, officers of the Northwestern District conducted a traffic investigation. As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with (1) Carrying a Concealed Weapon in a Motor Vehicle, (2) Felon in Possession of a Firearm, (3) Felony Firearm, and (4) Habitual Offender 2nd Degree.



NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On August 27th, officers of the Northeastern District received information on a subject wanted for an unarmed robbery. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Robbery Not Armed, (2) Larceny from Person, (3) Resisting & Obstructing, and (4) Habitual 3rd Degree. The stolen property was recovered.



WESTERN DISTRICT

On August 28th, officers of the Western District conducted a traffic investigation in the area of Petoskey and Chalfonte. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) Felonious Assault, (2) Felon in Possession, (3) Carrying a Concealed Weapon, (4) Resisting & Obstructing, (5) Felony Firearm, and (6) Habitual 2nd Degree.



6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Ramirez stated that she toured the space that the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) was looking to move into, but at this time the move will not take place.

7. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS

Sergeant Arthur Williams, Jr., was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 20, 1968. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Tenth Precinct Uniform Patrol; and

WHEREAS

Sergeant Arthur Williams, Jr. was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on April 5, 1976 and served as a supervisor for numerous departments including the Sixteenth Precinct Professional Standards Unit, Inspections Section, Twelfth Precinct Patrol Operations and Investigative Operations Sections; and

WHEREAS

Sergeant Williams also served in a supervisory capacity for the Special Crimes Section (Gang Squad), the Notification and Control Section and Communications Operations until his retirement on May 28, 2007; and

WHEREAS

During his career, Sergeant Williams displayed full spectrum knowledge of the Detroit Police Department, the Detroit community, its citizens, and was the recipient of numerous awards that included; (3) Citations; (4) Chief's Unit Awards; (2) Chief's Merit Awards; the G.O.P. Commemorative Award; the Educational Achievement Award (Masters Degree) obtained from Michigan State University; the Safe Driving Award; the Major League Baseball All-Star Event Award; the Rosa Parks Funeral Award; the National League Super Bowl XL Event Award and numerous letters and accolades from the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS

Sergeant Williams has shown tremendous dedication, fortitude, character, longevity, integrity and professionalism in serving the Detroit Police Department for 39 years; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Williams is widely respected throughout the city of Detroit and the law enforcement community as a consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition and honor of Sergeant Arthur Williams, Jr.'s 39 years of exemplary and loyal service. His integrity and outstanding commitment to public service and the citizens of Detroit merits our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Sergeant Arthur Williams, Jr.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

/s/ Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Willie Hampton Commissioner	ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 6, 2007	/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II Commissioner
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MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION: PO WILLIE TATE

WHEREAS Willie Tate was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July 7, 1977. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Tate began his career and was assigned to the First Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Tate was also assigned to the Fourth Precinct and on April 30, 1985, he was assigned to the Tactical Mobile Unit where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS During his career, Officer Tate served the Detroit Police Department, his community and the citizens of Detroit with loyalty, integrity and dedication. He is widely respected in his community and throughout the law enforcement community as a consummate professional; and

WHEREAS During his tenure with the Department, Officer Tate was the recipient of several awards including (1) GOP Commemorative Award; (3) Chief's Unit Awards; (2) Chief's Merit Awards; (1) Governor's Letter of Appreciation; (4) Commendations; (2) Citations; (5) Meritorious Service Awards, as well as numerous commendations as a dedicated professional; and

WHEREAS Officer Tate has reflected longevity in serving the citizens of Detroit with outstanding commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition and honor of Police Officer Willie Tate's 30 years of exemplary and loyal service. His integrity and outstanding commitment to public service and the citizens of Detroit merits our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Police Officer Willie Tate.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**2. GRANT: REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT AN INCREASE FOR THE
GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (G.R.E.A.T.)
PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008**

Gang Enforcement has been operating the G.R.E.A.T Program for approximately 15 years. The program is a life skills competency program designed to provide children with the skills they need to avoid gang pressure and youth violence.

This is a continuation grant and is already in the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget for \$100,000.00. The Detroit Police Department (DPD) was awarded an increase over that amount. Instead of \$100,000.00, Gang Enforcement will receive \$150,000.00, with an in-kind match of \$95,527.00, for a total project cost of \$245,527.00. This funding will pay a portion of the salaries and fringe benefits for DPD G.R.E.A.T. officers, with the in-kind match paying the difference. The in-kind match will also allow for trips to Cleveland, Ohio, the Charles H. Wright African Museum of African American History, Detroit Zoological Park, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Historical Museum, Cedar Point and the Sleeping Bear Dunes in western Michigan. Lieutenant Darryl Brown, of Gang Enforcement, will be the Project Director.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Hampton stated for Sgt. Chambers to explain the in-kind match.

Sgt. Chambers stated that the in-kind match is for one officer and half of the salary of two officers.

Chairperson Ramirez asked if there is a system in place to track the individuals after they graduate from high school.

Sgt. Chambers stated they are tracking them after they graduate from the program.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how do you know if the program is successful after they leave the program.

Sgt. Chambers stated through participation, through monitoring, and the contact that the officers usually have with the program individuals.

Comm. Holley asked to know the ranges of age for the program.

Sgt. Chambers stated elementary and middle school students.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what the Finney Youth Initiative consisted of.

Sgt. Chambers stated they are one of the collaborating partners.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it would be great if the individuals are tracked through high school.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that it is similar to the DARE program. There is an officer from Gang Squad who is associated with the program on a full time basis. There is also a mechanism for tracking those individuals and that officer will have that process.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she was part of a program that entered the University of Michigan and they were monitored ten years later.

Chairperson Ramirez asked do you have bilingual officers.

Sgt. Chambers stated yes, Police Officer Alverado.

Chief Bull-Cummings stated she is the designated G.R.E.A.T officer, and it is facilitated out of Gang Squad.

**3. GRANT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SOLVING COLD CASES WITH
DNA PROGRAM**

In May of 2007, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, sought applications for funding under the Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program. Local governments were eligible to apply for up to \$500,000.00 in funding for a program where the mission is to identify, review, and investigate Uniform Crime Report (UCR), Part 1 Violent Crime "cold cases" that have the potential to be solved through DNA analysis, and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases.

The Detroit Police Department's Homicide Cold Case Squad was approved permission to apply for the grant and has now received an award in the amount of \$500,000.00, with no cash match. The award provides funding for overtime for Homicide members, the contracting of four (4) civilian assistant contractors (former Detroit Police Officers), the contracting of a Wayne County Prosecutor, training, travel, equipment, and supplies.

If this award is accepted, Lieutenant Kevin Kemp, of Homicide, would serve as the project director for the "Cold No More Program."

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 13, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.
Northeastern District
Sacred Heart Activity Center
3451 Rivard
Detroit, MI 48207

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Comm. Hampton stated that he invited Rev. Seifuddin to come and speak to the Board regarding her incident.

Rev. Seifuddin stated her car was vandalized and her purse was stolen at the Food Fair Grocery Store. She called 911 twice and after about an hour, she flagged down a traffic enforcement car. She was able to get the license plate number and the officer ran the plate. The vehicle however, came up stolen. The store has surveillance cameras and you can see those individuals breaking into her car.

Comm. Holley asked her how was she treated by the officer that she flagged down.

Rev. Seifuddin stated he was very polite and his name is Officer D. Bryant from the Gratiot station.

Comm. Holley stated your concern is the response time.

Rev. Seifuddin stated yes, and she has been told that situations like this happen at the store all the time and no one comes out. The storeowner stated that was one of the reasons the surveillance cameras were installed.

Comm. Holley asked the Chief if calls are responded by priority.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated runs are prioritized based upon the information that is being provided. The emergency service operators don't know the number of calls or the number of cars that are available. They take the information and they will tell you that they will order a scout car. The response time is a challenge for the department, and they are having dialogue with an engineering firm that is looking at the process for emergency communications. The department realizes that they aren't where they need to be regarding response time. A crime against property takes a back seat to a crime against a person. The department will also be seeking feedback from the citizens as well.

She stated that she will speak to the AC to see if the department can surveillance that area to catch the perpetrators.

Rev. Seifuddin stated she wasn't in the store longer than fifteen minutes.

Comm. Holley is it a very busy store.

Rev. Seifuddin stated yes.

Comm. Holley stated in his strip mall they had to hire their own security. A camera is good, but a person is better.

Comm. Hampton thanked the Reverend for coming and her concern is well taken.

R. Scott stated during a parade he noticed a Border Patrol Officer giving orders and would like to know the jurisdiction process in the City of Detroit and who has the authority.

Secondly, he would like for someone to speak on the program called Safe Passage.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that members of the department are on various task forces. The border patrol or the sheriffs don't have authority in the city. It had to be granted by City Council.

She stated that Operation Safe Passage is a collaboration between the Detroit Police Department, Wayne County Sheriffs, and the Department of Public Safety. They felt that during the start of the school year that everyone's focus was to make sure the kids get to and from school safely.

R. Scott asked are all three entities getting along.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department tries very hard to develop partnerships with all law enforcement agencies. The Mayor challenged all law enforcement agencies to come together to help in the City of Detroit. The position the department takes, in the City of Detroit, is that the department will always be the lead law enforcement agency even when they don't always agree with each other.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb